



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar Of Events

Nov 5 th , Tuesday	9am-12, MG Training, Risk Management, Dr. Hubbard, Bulbs, Brent Heath
Nov 6 th , Wednesday	9:30am-12, Using Office Resources, Extension Office, FULL-sign up for December
Nov 7, 14, 21	9:30-11:30 Gardening in the Learning Garden, Interns are invited to come to the garden.
Nov 12 th , Tuesday	9:30am, Programming Meeting, Introduction of new MG's, St Lukes (See Article)
Nov 15th, Friday	Deadline for December's Green Thumb
Nov 28- 29	Extension Office closed – Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 3, 4, 5, Tues-Wed	9:30- 11:30 am Preparation for Yorktown Celebrates, Contact Liz Tragle 898-8182
Dec 4 th , Wednesday	9:30am-12, Using Office Resources, Extension Office, Preregistration required 890-4940
Dec 7, Saturday	Yorktown Celebrates, Yorktown- Admission free if you help with decorations.
Dec 10 th , Tuesday	9:30am, Holiday Luncheon with Speaker, St Lukes (See Article)
Jan 20 th -22 nd , Sat-Mon	Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course, formerly called the Va. Professional Horticultural Conf.

The volunteer time sheet is attached to this newsletter. You may return it with your volunteer form in the preaddressed-postage paid envelope. Please return these by November 22, 2002. Thanks

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 –11:30 a.m.

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940 or Teresa Bennett at 875-0026, e-mail: BennettTeresaH@aol.com. The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Master Gardener Mission Statement: *Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.*

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Notes from Jim

It is my pleasure to be able to continue to write this note to you. The Extension program continues to plan for the year 2003. A sheet is enclosed for you to complete and return to the Extension Office by November 22 in the postage paid, preaddressed envelope. Thank you for completing the form so that we can plan for the delivery of the program in 2003.

This is an excellent time to reevaluate what role you would like to perform in the program in 2003. I know that you are busy in many avenues and have roles in many other organizations. I appreciate all of the support that you have extended to the York Extension Program. At this time, I am asking that you let me know what your interests are in the program for 2003.

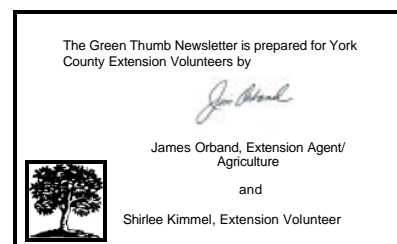
I appreciate all of the work that you have done in 2002 to extend the horticultural program to the citizens of York County. I thank you if your plans are to continue in the program in 2003. If your plans are to take a year break, I appreciate what you have contributed to the York County Extension program. Thank you for all of your work. I execute this procedure annually and you will be asked this question next year. I look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Terry's Notes

Our growing season is coming to an end and harvest time is upon us. It seems like just yesterday we were planting seeds and planning our gardens!! But we still have some programs in full swing. We will be welcoming the new class and all of us need to let Jim know what committee or area we would like to donate our time towards next year. Both the November and December programming meetings are special (see related article) and I hope all of you can make it. Thank you to everyone for all of your volunteering time! Your volunteer role takes on new importance with the current budget cuts being proposed, but thanks to all of you, we have a strong program in York County. Remember to check the web site for the latest events and information.

Hours and Awards:

Everyone should have received all awards they earned prior to June 1st. If you think you are due an award, please contact Dan immediately. I also highly encourage everyone to keep a copy of the time sheets you turn in. You are ultimately responsible for your hours being correct, so it is important you keep a copy and double check the totals Dan shows for you. A time sheet will now be available each time you receive the Green Thumb.



Upcoming Programming Meetings

Mark your calendars now because our next programming meetings are ones you won't want to miss. Both meetings will be held at 9:30 AM at St. Luke's.

November 12th will be our chance to meet and welcome the 2002 recent graduates of the Master Gardener Class. The new MG Interns will have completed the class on November 7th. We will meet in Rm 21, not the large room next to the kitchen. You are welcome to bring any plants you would like to exchange. Please bring them with something under them so we can keep the room clean.

December 10th at 9:30am is our Holiday Celebration. Sybil Mays will be our featured speaker and we are really looking forward to hearing her. The program will be followed by an opportunity to see that not only are MGs good growers, they are also good cooks! Information on food will be coming next month.

So plan on attending and enjoying both of these great events! Remember to wear your nametags!

Consumers Corner

If you are aware of a particularly good event or sale or nursery that would interest MGs, please submit the info to the Green Thumb so the information can be shared.

Book Sale

On Tuesday, November 5, Brent Heath will speak on bulbs at the Peninsula Master Gardener Training at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

I will consign for him the two books- Daffodils, and Tulips. As we have 55 students in the class, a request from YCMG's would be helpful in having enough books on hand. If you are interested in purchasing any of these books, I can be contacted at krschwartz@tni.net or #259-0912. I do not know the prices yet- please contact me about the prices.

WHEW! and THANK YOU!

Our Lawn Clinic season has drawn to a close amid the challenge of water restrictions. I look back to those who have made our educational objectives attainable: our gracious hosts and a team of dedicated master gardeners. I am pleased to report that all seven scheduled clinics were held. No rainouts. No cancellations. There were two renovation clinics and five maintenance clinics. Three were held in places of business; four at private residences. 109 individuals (94 households) were reached.

Here's a big thank you to the Lawn Team for making the season a success. Thanks to all the clinic leaders: Evelyn Parker, Karen Ward, Carl Ennis, Jim Orband, Larry Riddick and Mike Deibler. And thanks to all the helpers: Claudette Davis, Larry Riddick, Jim Robertson, Margaret Cotton, Walt Gant, Sheryl Roberts, Marie Pannone, and Norma Jackson. Karen Ward also stepped in to teach the Lawns segment of the Home Gardener Program. A little more thanks go to my information packet stuffers: Sheryl Roberts, Marie Pannone, and Denise Smith.

Thanks to Claudette Davis, we have some very artistic new and redone posters. A few more materials improvements are planned for next year's lawn clinic season. Come join in the fun!

Thanks again for so much cooperative spirit, preparation and effort. You are appreciated!

Agnes Evans 2002 (and 2003) Lawn Team Coordinator

Extension Volunteer Mailing List

Your Name: _____

? Yes, I will continue my service as a York County Extension Master Gardener.

? No, I cannot continue to serve as a York County Extension Master Gardener. I would like to be on Inactive status.

Please review this label carefully

Is the attached mailing label correct?

Has your telephone number changed?

Has your e-mail address changed?

Is your name spelled correctly?

Please make changes/corrections in the proper space below and mail this form back to us in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you!

? The label is correct ? The label is not correct, see corrections below

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zipcode + 4: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____ Work Phone Number () _____

E-mail Address: _____

(Please print very clearly)

Please complete this side of the form, and then turn the page, and select the program(s) which you would like to volunteer for in the coming year.

Please be sure to complete the reverse side of this form.

**Fold and place in the preaddressed, stamped envelope, and return before November 1,
2002**

Miscellaneous Items

Jody is on Military Leave until November 4. During that time she is preparing with an active platoon. When she returns to the office, her unit could be called up at any time. We trust that it does not escalate to that but I am making plans to have the front office covered by Master Gardeners in the mornings of November and longer when needed. My Extension Administration has already informed me that our office will not be able to use monies for a temporary person. Lori Robeson is calling to request that you might come in for a three hour period from 9-12 noon to help out with the phones and office items during this time. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you want to leave Jody a specific call she can be reached at 890-4947. I will continue to update you as we get more information on the situation.

Classes on responding to phone calls will be held November 6 and December 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Limit 5 per session, pre-register at 890-4940. This very popular program is designed to acquaint master gardeners with the resources that are in the Extension Office, to do research, study information, prepare for exhibits, and to respond to telephone questions. This morning session will acquaint the volunteers with the location of information and files, become familiar with phone procedures, learn how to use specific CD programs on the computer and other information that is in the Extension Office. It is a lot of information but once you have been exposed to the information, you will feel capable and comfortable when you spend time in the office.

Please call me direct at 890-4944. This phone number goes directly to my desk. If I am not there, it will go directly into my voice mail. My message will indicate my whereabouts. If I am out of the office for a day or two, I will indicate that on the message. Please do not give 890-4944 to the public. I only give this to staff members such as you. Please have all others use the mainline 890-4940. This relieves all of the calls that come into Jody.

Look for e mail messages from Terry on the update as it relates to the budget.

Looking for some Christmas presents for some gardeners. The office has two books that can be purchased. These books are: The American Horticultural Society Great Plant Guide- 3000 recommended plants. This book is used as a supplement to the Master Gardener Handbook. I have 3 left in the office. The price is \$10.00. The other book is Taylor's Guide to Gardening Techniques for \$11.00. This is the textbook used for the Home Gardener Program. I have 60 of these books. Please pay with a check made payable to the York County 4-H Activities Fund. You can come to the office to review these books. They are located in boxes nearest the cabinets in the hallway. Thank you for your interest.

Preparations for Celebrate Yorktown. We do not have all of the information yet but we wanted you to be aware of this opportunity to learn how to make Colonial Christmas decorations. The Master Gardeners of York County decorate the Dudley Diggs home for Celebrate Yorktown. The homes will be on display on December 7. Liz Tragle, coordinator for the decorations, will lead the Master Gardeners in the preparation of the materials. This preparation takes place on December 3, 4, 5. These are tentative dates that we will verify as time gets closer to the date. Terry will send out an e mail notice to all.

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